

Converging HTC-HPC: Two Case Studies

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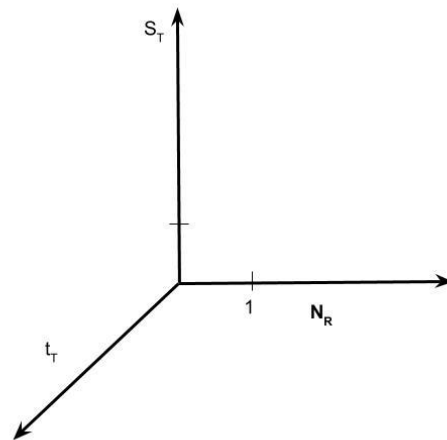
- Understanding the space of “high-throughput” computing
- Abstractions and Execution Models
- Case Study: ATLAS on Titan
 - Overview of PanDA
 - PanDA on Titan
- Case Study: Ensemble-based bio-molecular simulations

High-throughput Computing

- High-throughput is:
 - When the workload is comprised of multiple tasks.
 - Workload of a single application or a single workflow or multiple workflows as part of a computational campaign
 - Typically characterized by the number of tasks executed
- High-throughput computing can also have:
 - Temporal dimension (e.g., minimise the time to execute tasks)
 - Concurrency dimension (e.g., maximise the number of tasks executed)
- High-throughput computing is not:
 - Confined to single core (single node) tasks
 - Only embarrassingly parallel set of tasks

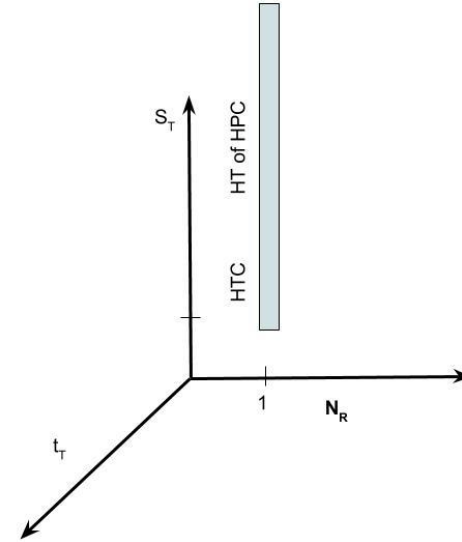
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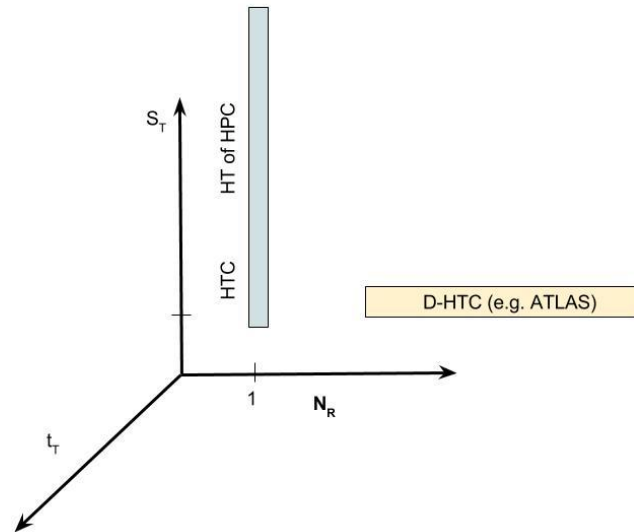
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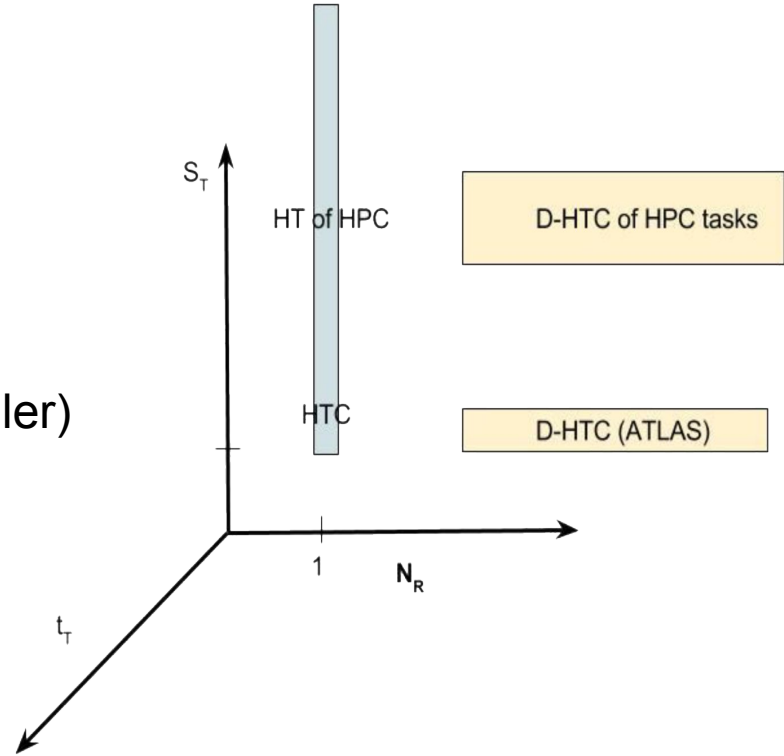
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Example of D-HTC of HPC tasks

- Developed algorithm to exploit distributed task-level parallelism.
- **2005-09**: Tried running $O(1000)$ simulations on many supercomputers. ***Did not work!*** *Many reasons!*
- Reverted running parallel simulations, sequentially on single resources.
- Importance of **MODELS of EXECUTION**, i.e., reason which tasks go where and when?

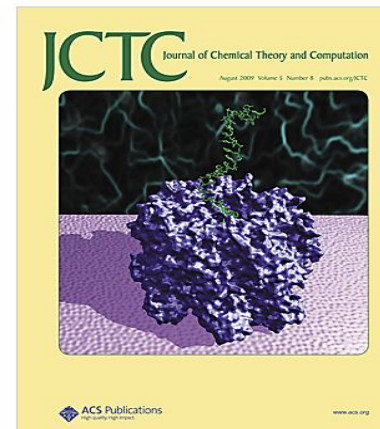
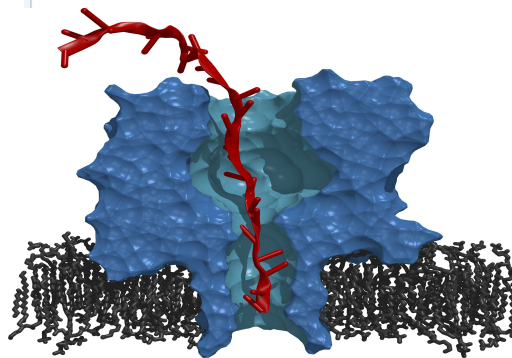
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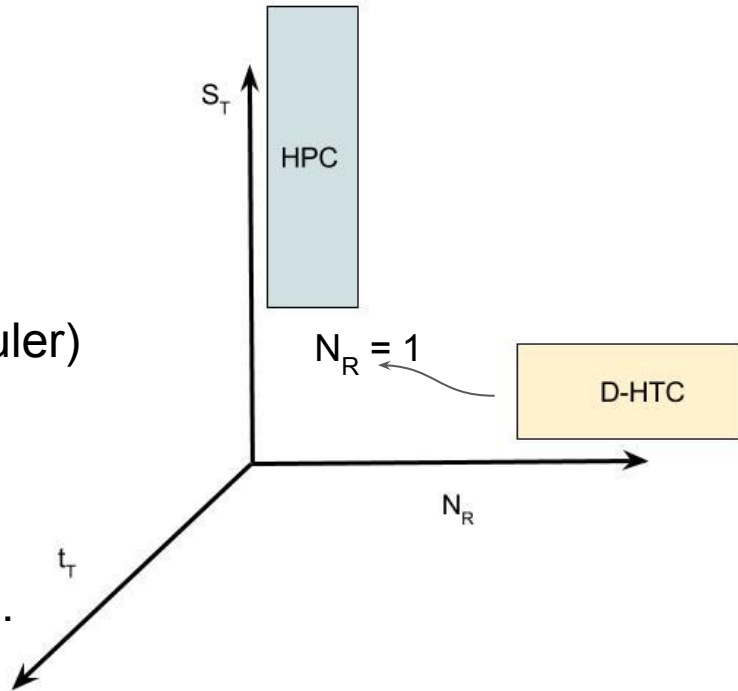
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$N_T = 1000$, $t_T > 12\text{hrs}$, $S_T = 128\text{-}256$ cores

Convergence

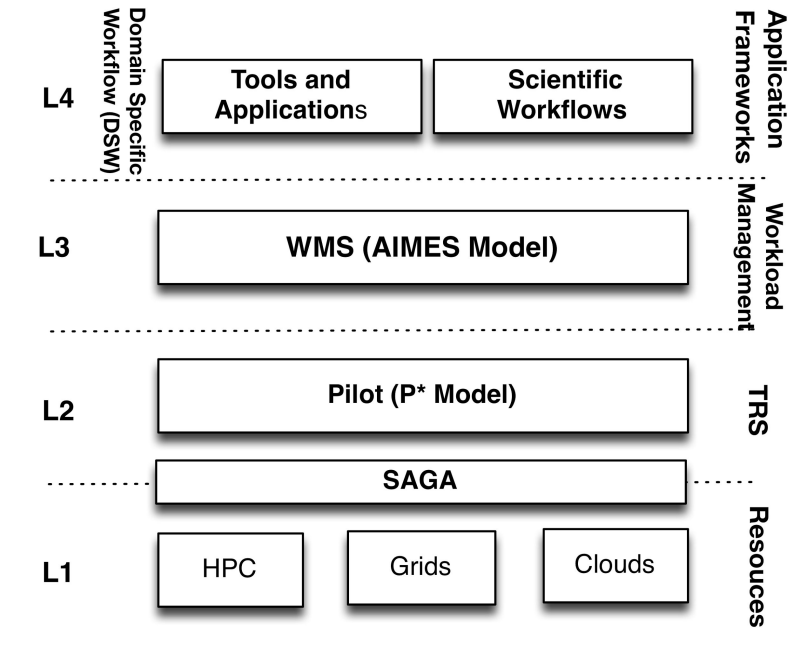
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- Convergence** due to change of platform:
 - $N_R > 1, S_T = 1$
 - $\rightarrow N_R = 1$ (HPC), $S_T = 1$
 - D-HTC to HTC of HPC tasks (HT-HPC).
 - Change in the number of N_J



Abstractions and Models of Adaptive Execution on Dynamical Resources

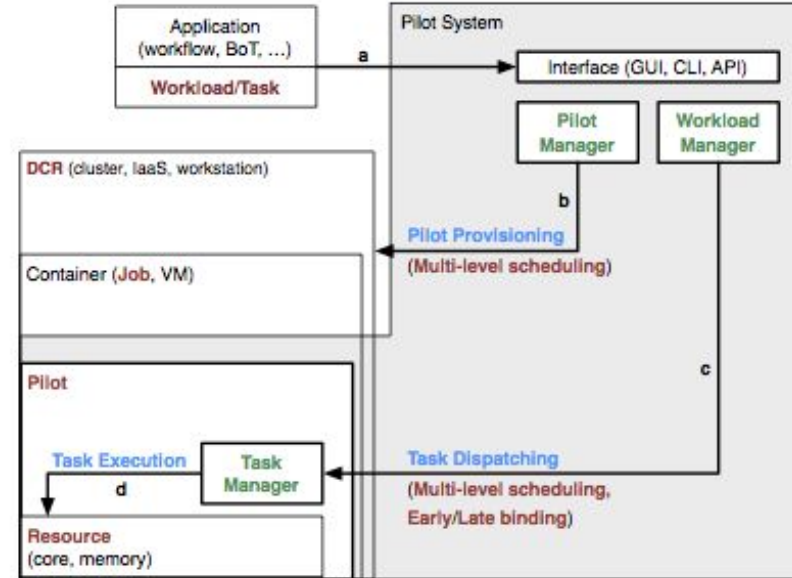
HTC: Requires Support at Multiple Levels

- Supporting high-throughput computing requires abstraction and models at multiple levels
- Four Layers:
 - L4: Application
 - L3: Workload Management (**WLMS**)
 - L2: Task Run-time (**TRS**)
 - L1: Resource Access Layer
- For L2: we discuss Pilot abstraction that has proven fundamental for HTC and show its generalization to HPC.



Pilot-Abstraction (P* Model)

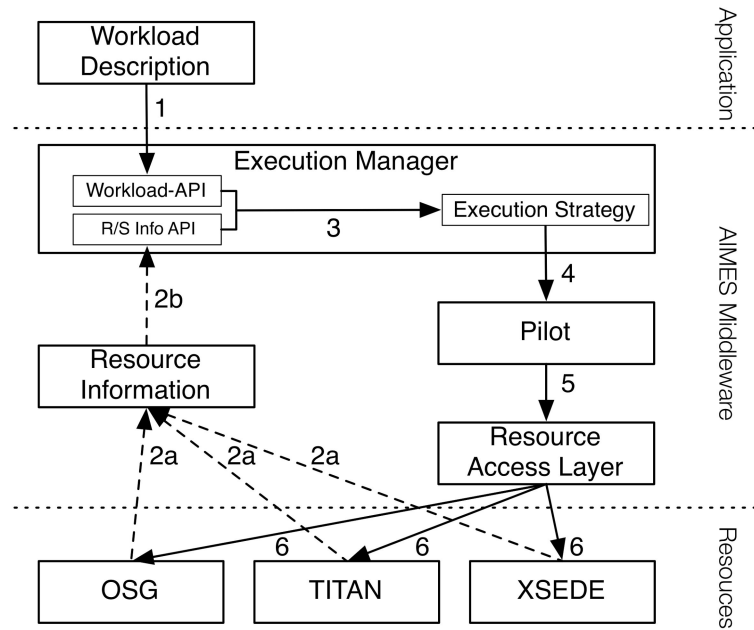
- “.. a scheduling overlay which generalizes the reoccurring concept of utilizing a placeholder as a container for compute tasks”
- Decouples workload from resource management
- Enables fine-grained “slicing and dicing” of resources
- Tighter temporal control, advantages of application-level scheduling
- Build higher-level frameworks without explicit resource management



- “P*: A Model of Pilot-Abstractions”, *8th IEEE International Conference on e-Science (2012)*
- *A Comprehensive Perspective on Pilot-Jobs* <http://arxiv.org/abs/1508.04180> (2015)

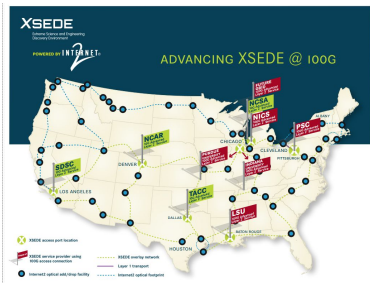
AIMES Execution Model

- Is there an **execution model** for dynamically federated heterogeneous resources that works **independent** of type of infrastructural dynamism and heterogeneity?
- AIMES Model** of Execution:
 - Importance of **dynamic integration** of workload and resource information.
 - Execution strategy**: Temporally ordered set of decisions that need to be made to execute a given workload.
- Conceptual models will → better **implementation**
 - RADICAL-WLMS** (implementing AIMES model and Pilots) supports **uniform execution models over XSEDE and OSG!**



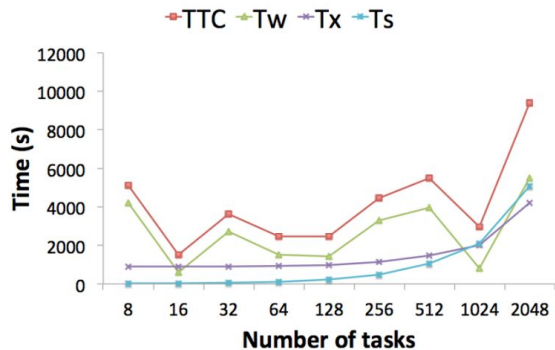
*Schematic of **RADICAL-WLMS** (implementation of AIMES model) approach to workload-resource integration: Evaluate workload requirements & resource capabilities, derive an execution strategy, and enact.*

Distributed CyberInfrastructure: XSEDE

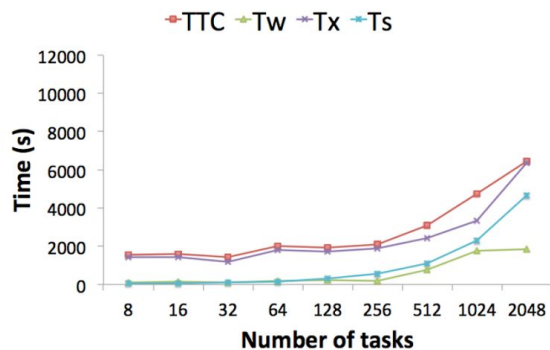


XSEDE - HPC

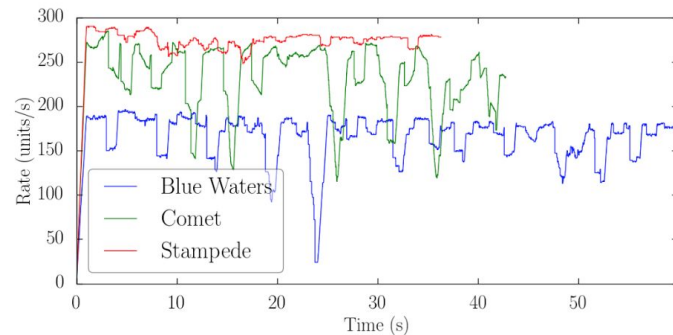
- ~10 supercomputers: ~15 PFLOP
- ~10 storage facilities: ~100 PByte
- shared allocation process & user support
- tailored toward grand challenge applications (HPC)



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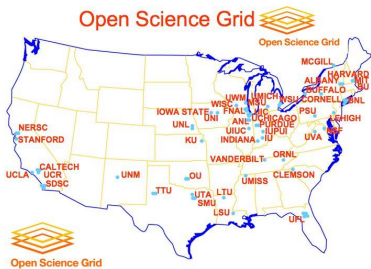


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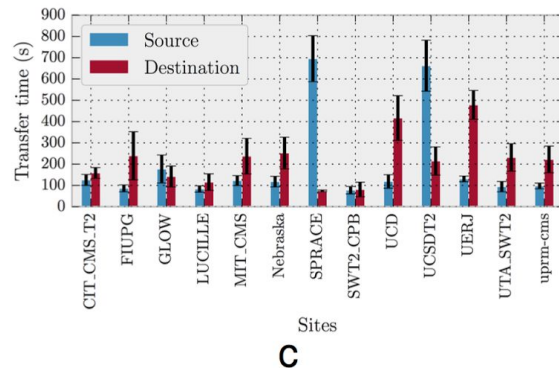
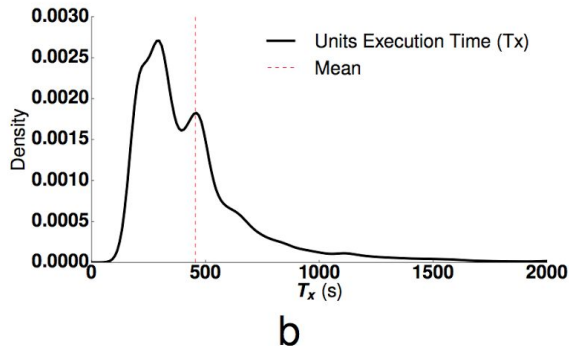
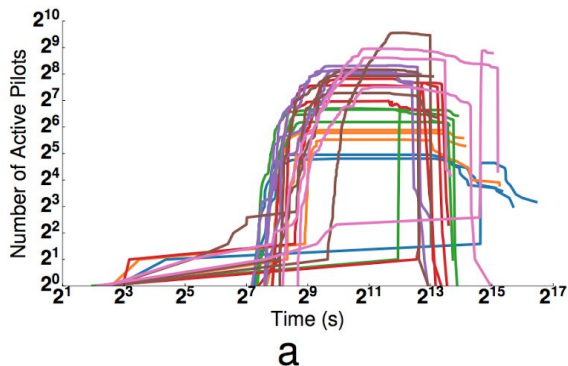
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Distributed CyberInfrastructure: OSG



OSG Connect/XSEDE-vcluster - HTC

- ~100 sites, ~40,000 cores, ~1 PB (2012)
- exact composition very dynamic
- only single core machines, loosely coupled
- tailored towards high throughput (HTC)



ATLAS: PanDA WMS and HPC Resources Adoption

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1704.00978>

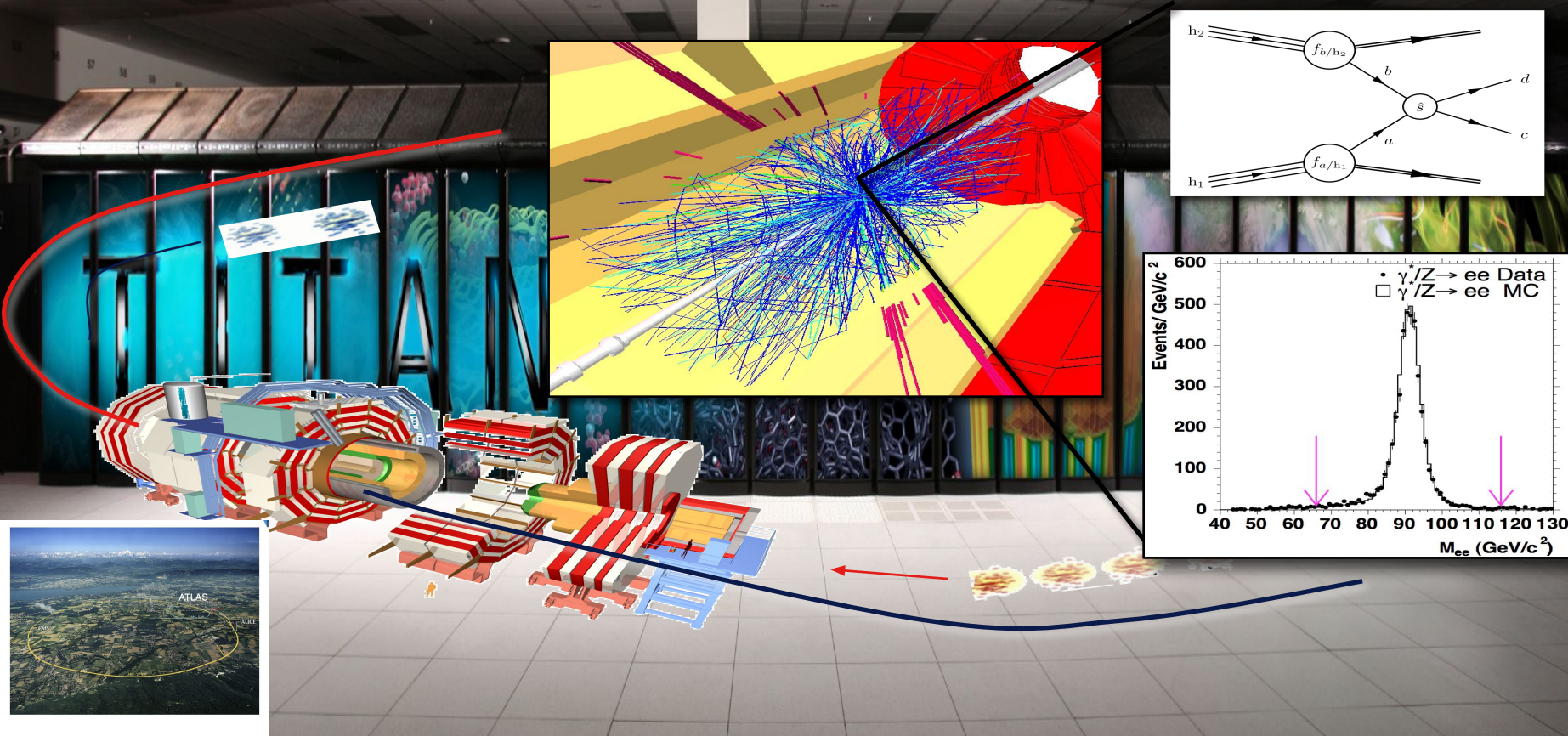
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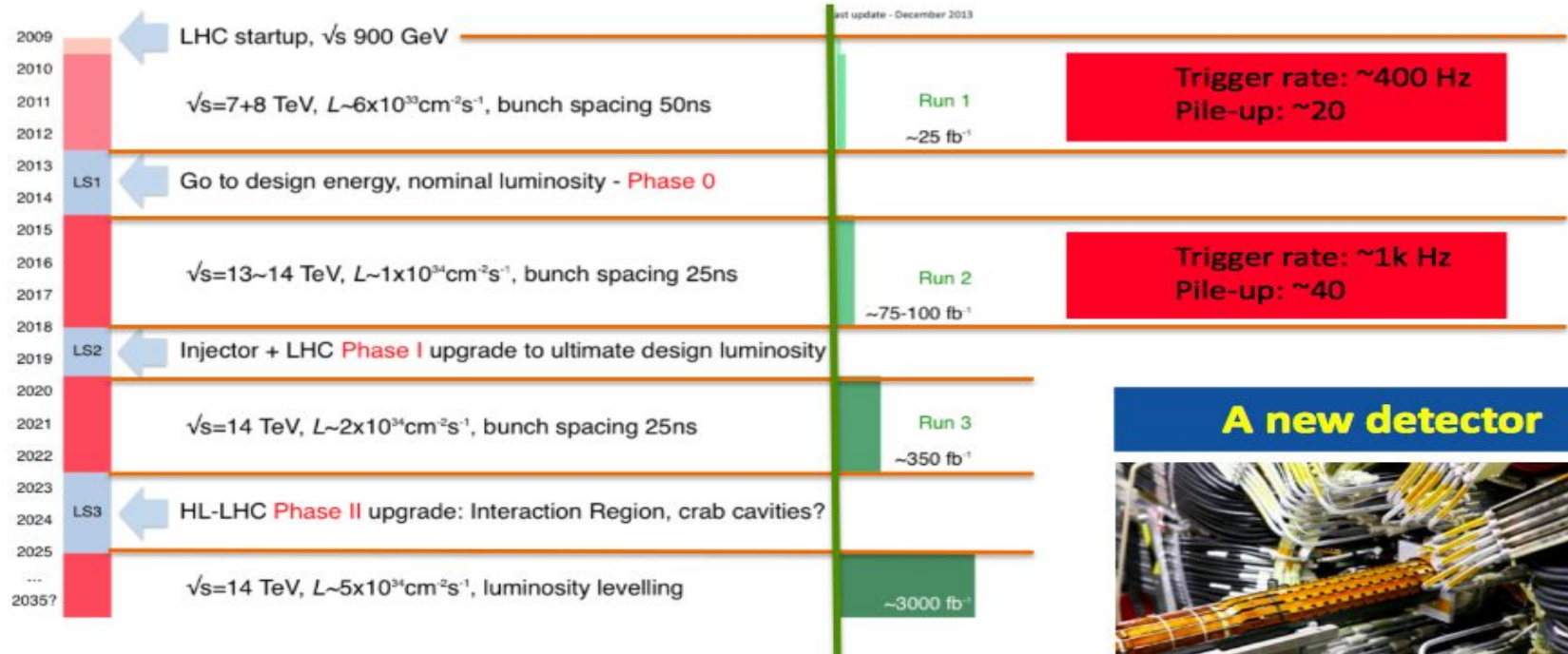


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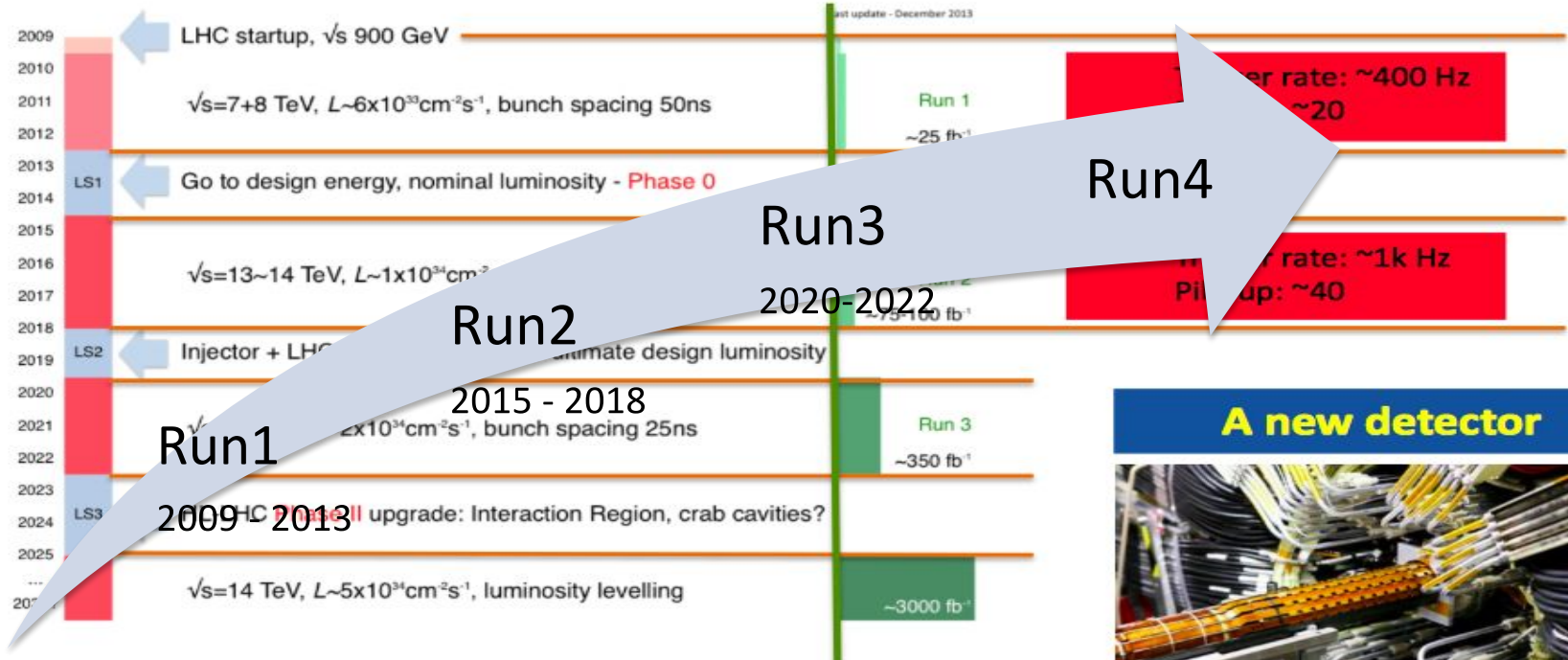
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→ More complex events
→ More Computing Capacity

A new detector



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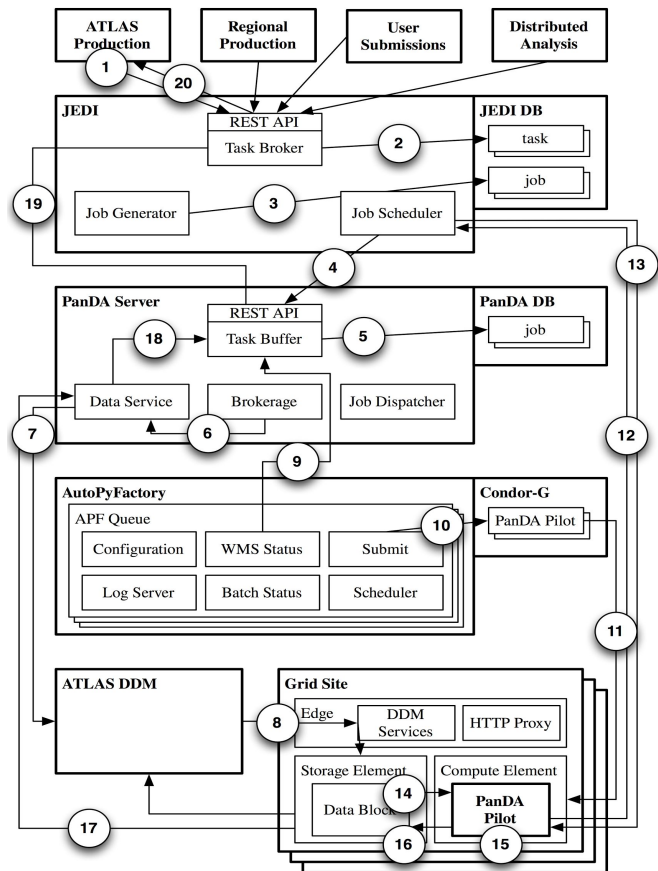
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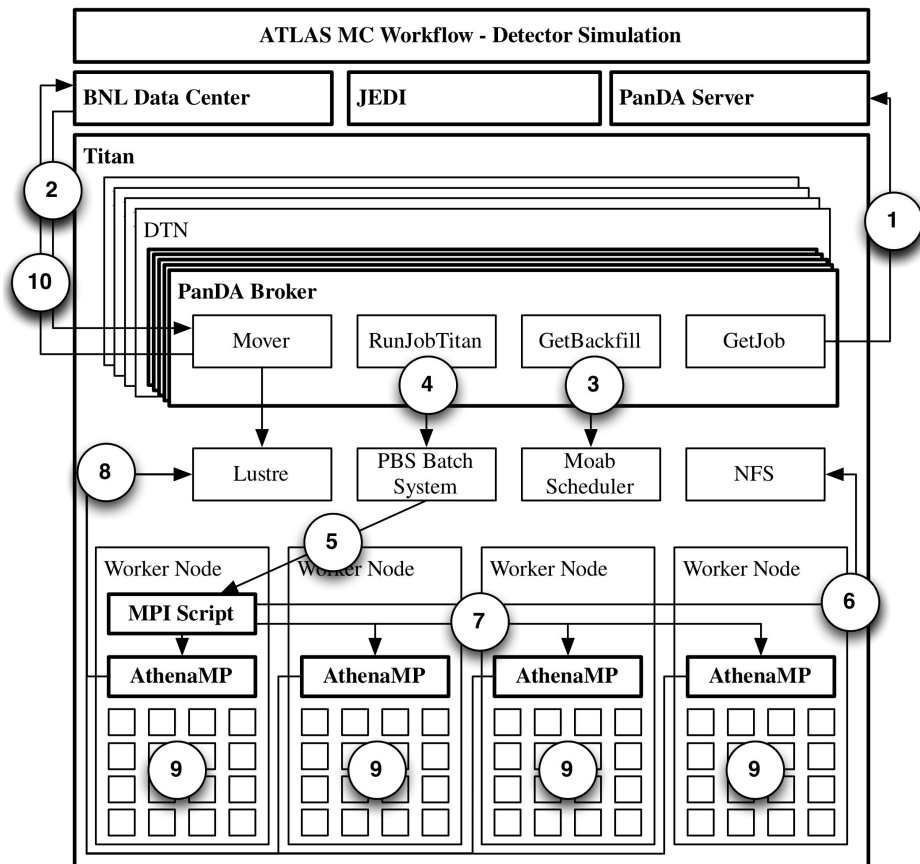
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Production and Distributed Analysis (PanDA)



- 6 main subsystems:
 - PanDA Server (Run 1)
 - PanDA Pilot (Run 1)
 - JEDI (Run 2)
 - AutoPyFactory (Run 1)
 - PanDA Monitoring (Run 1)
 - Event Service (Run 2)
- Developed for
 - HEP workloads and workflows
 - HTC on Grid infrastructures
- Task-based and job-based execution mode
- Support single researchers, research groups, ATLAS production workflows.

PanDA on Titan

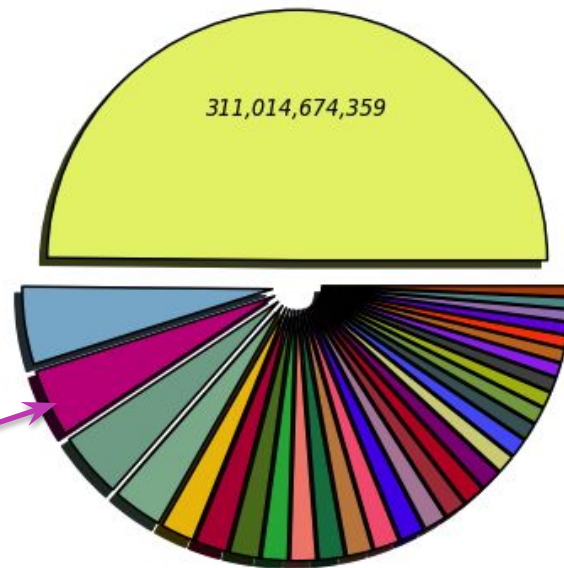


- Cannot deploy PanDA Pilot on Titan's worker nodes (WN)
- PanDA Brokers on Titan's DTN
- MPI scripts wrap jobs' payload
- AthenaMP on read-only NFS shared between DTN and WN
- Events on OLCF Lustre FS

ATLAS simulation time worldwide: February 2017

- ATLAS Detector Simulation integrated with Titan (OLCF)
- Titan has already contributed a large fraction of computing resources for MC simulations
 - Titan contributed 4.4% of total simulation time in February 2017.

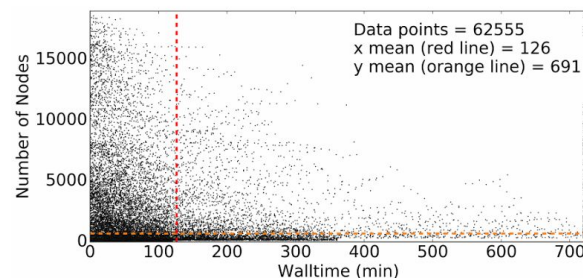
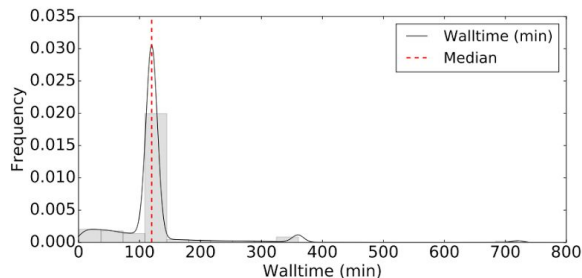
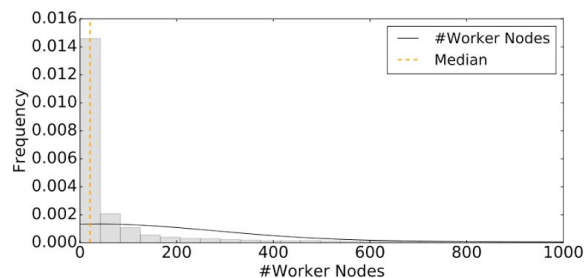
Wall Clock consumption All Jobs in seconds (Sum: 624,038,348,917)
Rest - 49.84%



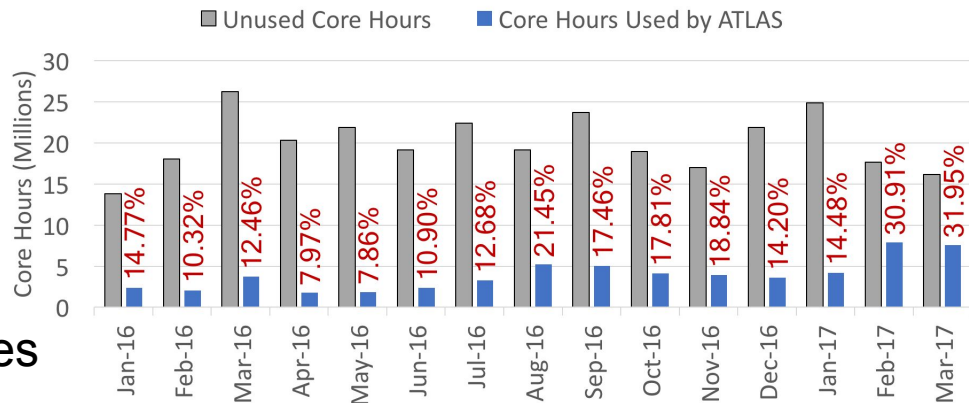
Rest - 49.84% (311,014,674,359)
ORNL Titan MCore - 4.39% (27,386,161,504)
CERN-P1_DYNAMIC_MCORE - 3.23% (20,185,049,416)
MWT2_MCORE - 2.07% (12,914,398,584)
BU_ATLAS_Tier2_MCORE - 1.66% (10,374,456,280)
CERN-PROD_T0_4MCORE - 1.65% (10,324,383,732)
MWT2_SL6 - 1.62% (10,127,987,628)
RAL-LCG2_MCORE - 1.43% (8,938,111,360)
DESY-HH_MCORE - 1.35% (8,399,710,720)
IADG_MCORE - 1.19% (7,440,730,864)

CERN-P1_DYNAMIC_MCORE_LOWMEM - 5.02% (31,332,860,045)
BNL_PROD_MCORE - 4.26% (26,560,125,032)
AGLT2_MCORE - 2.16% (13,450,195,231)
BOINC_MCORE - 1.90% (11,842,949,450)
CERN-PROD_SHORT - 1.66% (10,365,047,898)
FZK-LCG2_MCORE - 1.65% (10,281,409,453)
IN2P3-CC_MCORE - 1.57% (9,785,324,136)
SLACXRD_MP8 - 1.36% (8,462,468,468)
TRIUMF_MCORE_LOMEM - 1.34% (8,333,559,388)
plus 17 more

Understanding Backfill Slot Availability



- Efficiency: fraction of core-hours utilized by the PanDA Brokers to Titan's total backfill availability.
- Mean BF availability: 691 worker nodes for 126 minutes.
- Up to 15K nodes for 30-100 minutes
- large margin of optimization



Evolution of PanDA Deployment on Titan

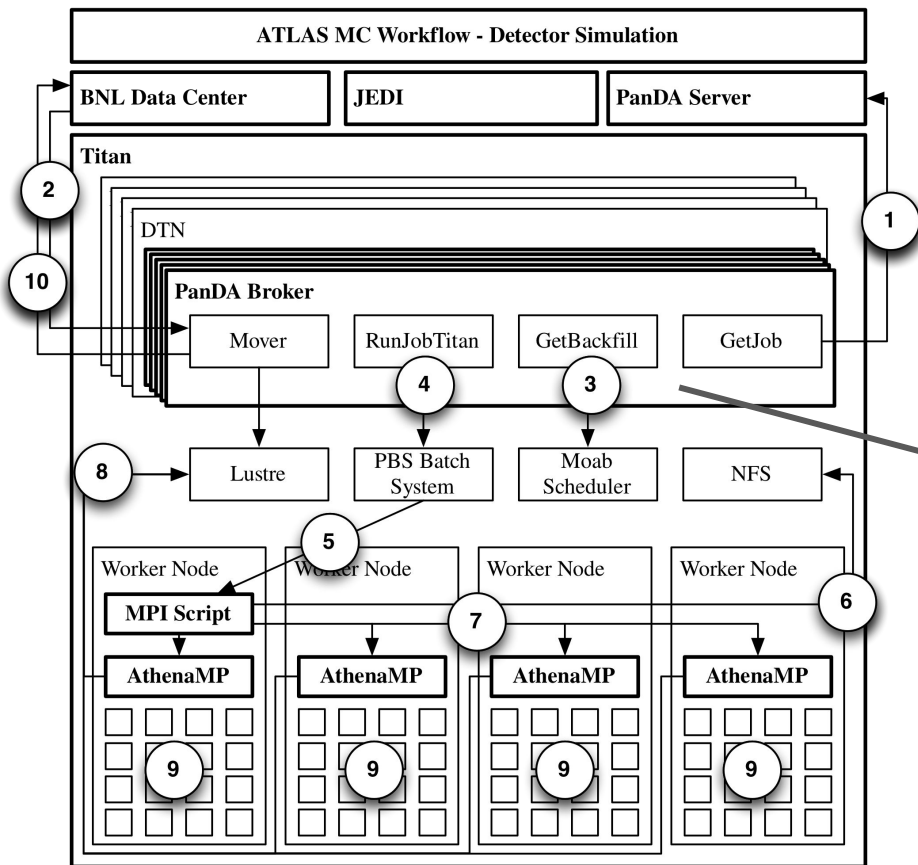
Static binding and sizing of tasks and jobs:

- Detector simulations of production ATLAS MC workflow
- 100 events per job (as opposed to 1000 for jobs on grid resources)
- 1 job; 1 WN; 16 AthenaMP; 100 events.

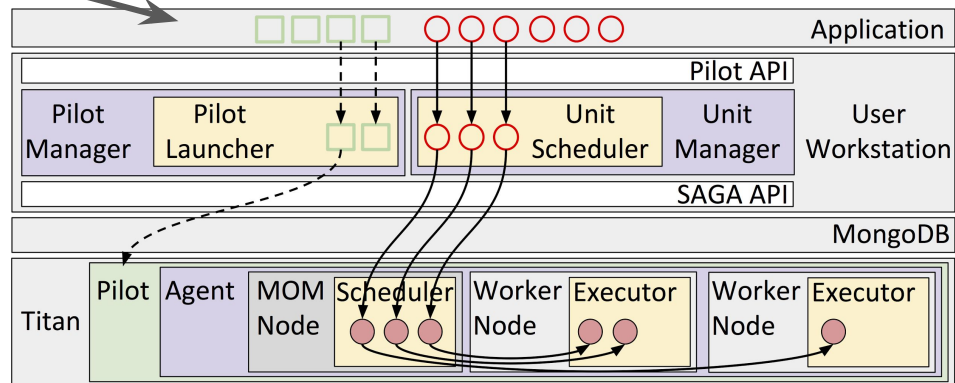
Benefits of implementing the pilot abstraction on Titan:

- Efficiency:
 - No assumption required about the number of events per simulation.
 - Jobs can be streamed to Titan when available.
 - Better walltime utilization via multiple execution generations on pilot(s).
- Workload heterogeneity:
 - No need of tailoring MPI scripts to the specifics of each type of workload.
- Resource heterogeneity:
 - No need of implementing tailored support for each HPC machine flavour.

PaNDA and Next Generation Executor (NGE)

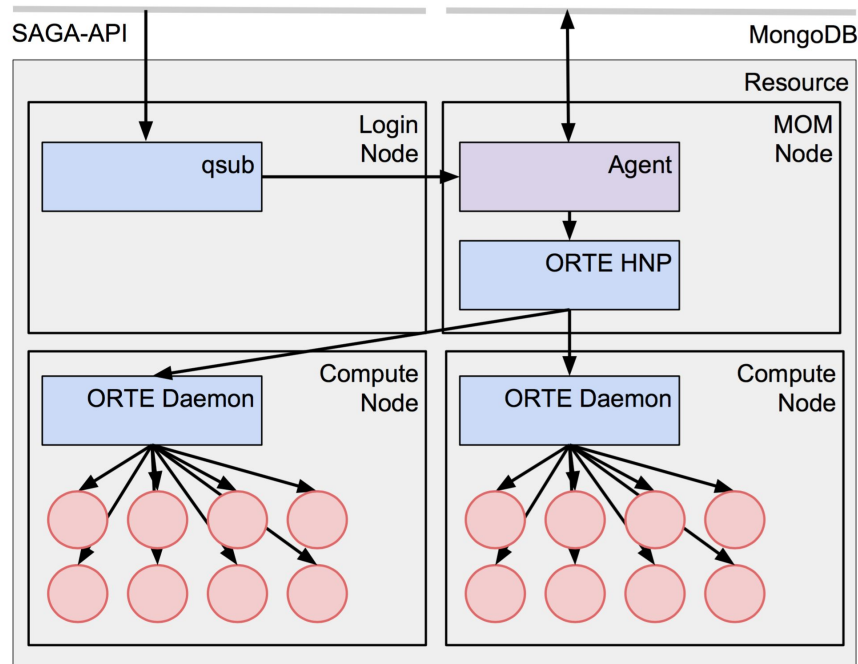


- NGE behaves like a resource:
 - Exposes capabilities and availability acquired via pilots.
- Separation of concerns NGE independent from:
 - PanDA server
 - Type of workload



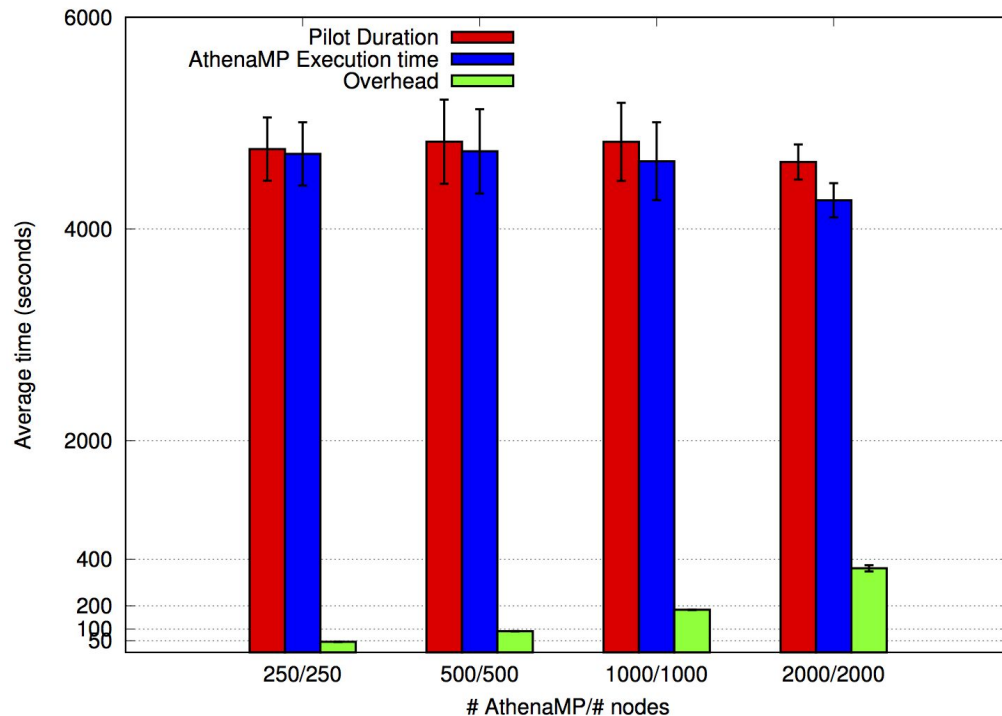
NGE Agent: ORTE-LIB

- ORTE: **O**pen **R**un**T**ime **E**nvironment
 - Isolated layer used by Open MPI to coordinate task layout
 - Runs a set of daemons over compute nodes
 - No ALPS concurrency limits
- Supports multiple tasks per node
 - Uses library calls instead of `orterun` processes
 - No central fork/exec limits
 - Shared network socket
 - (Hardly) no central file system interactions



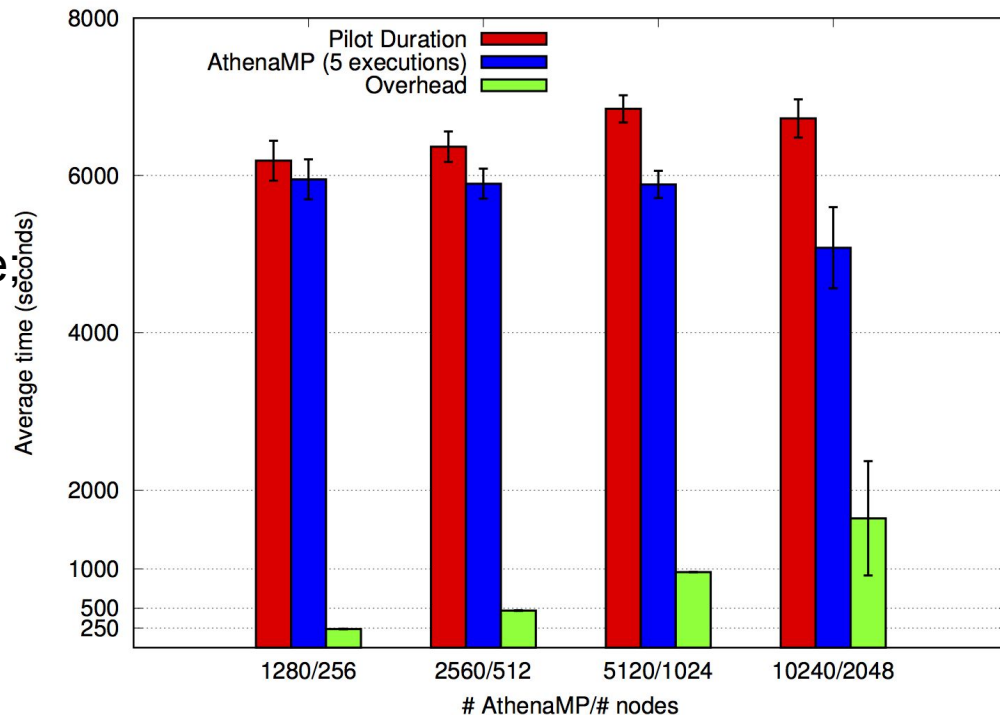
Experiments: Weak Scalability

- Each AthenaMP simulates 100 events in the ATLAS detector.
- One instance of AthenaMP per Titan's worker node; 16 Geant4 simulators per node.
- The overhead grows with the number of units but its growth is less than linear.



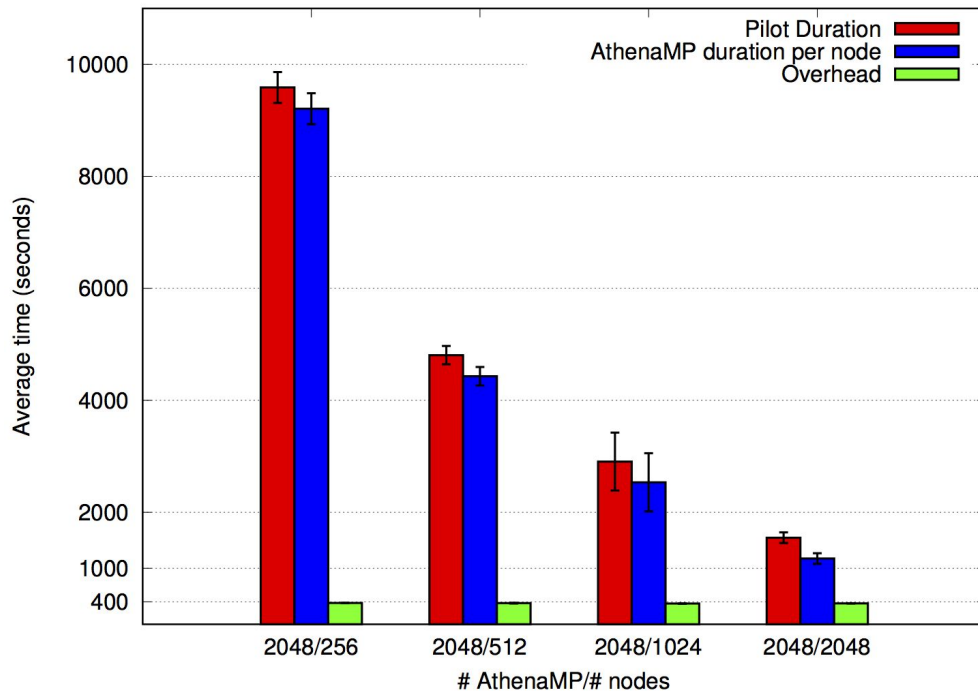
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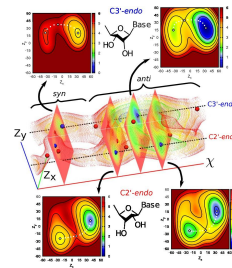
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16 Geant4 simulators per node.
- Stress NGE components by creating concurrency between starting and ending units.
- The growth of the overhead is still less than linear.



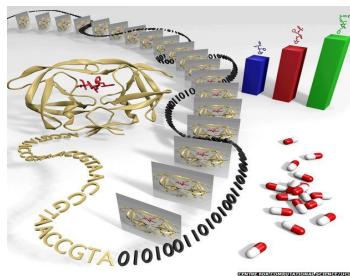
Experiments: Strong Scalability

- Each AthenaMP simulates 100 events in the ATLAS detector.
- Each pilot is bounded with 2048 units.
- Smaller the pilot size, larger the number of sequential AthenaMP instances that are run by the pilot.
- The overhead remains constant while the pilot duration decreases.





Biomolecular Simulations: Ensemble Execution



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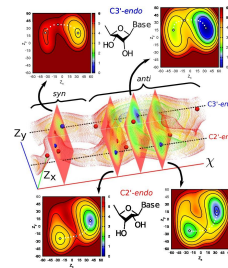
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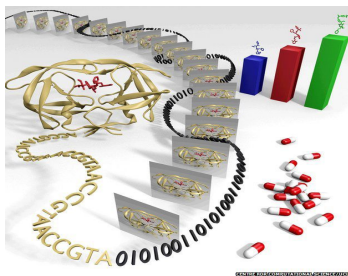
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The Titan supercomputer at the U.S. Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee will be one of several supercomputers used in the NCI-DOE National Strategic Computing Initiative.
Credit: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy



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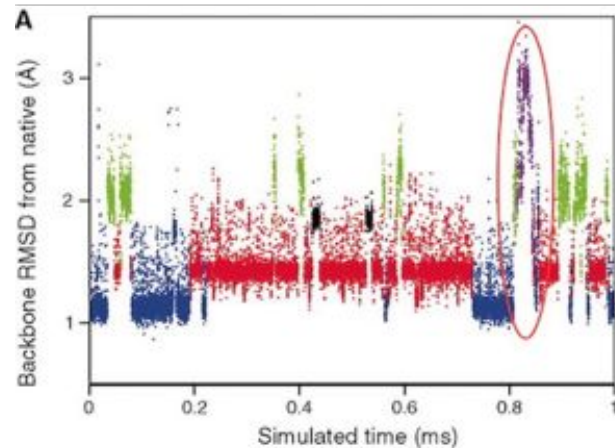


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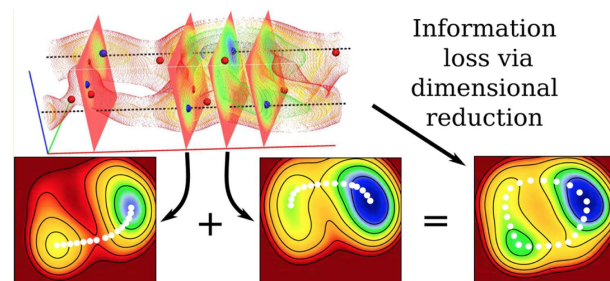
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New type of HTC: Bio-MD Simulations (BMS)

- **Convergence: Decompose a traditional HPC problem into an HTC problem!**
- Larger biological systems
 - Typically solved by weak scaling
- Long time scale problem
 - Typically solved by strong scaling
- **Gap between weak and strong scaling** capabilities will grow with “New” Moore’s Law.
- Need advances in Algorithms to address this gap
 - Scaling challenges are more than single-partition strong and weak scaling

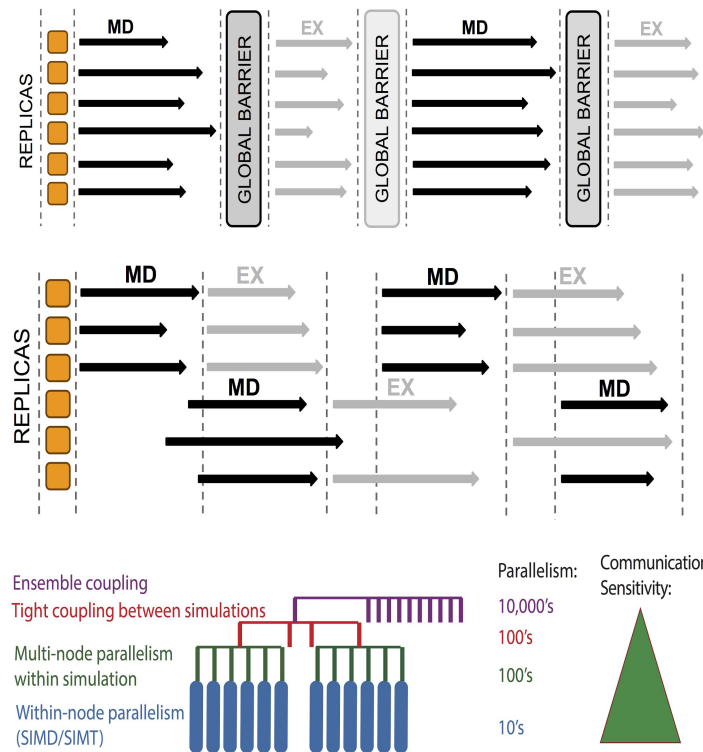


BPTI, 1ms MD ~3 months on Anton (Shaw *et al*, Science 2010)



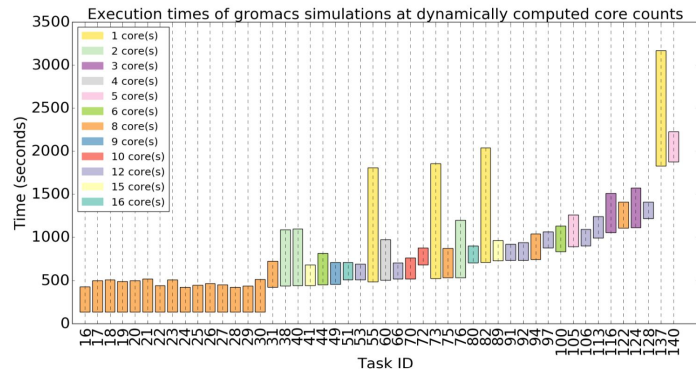
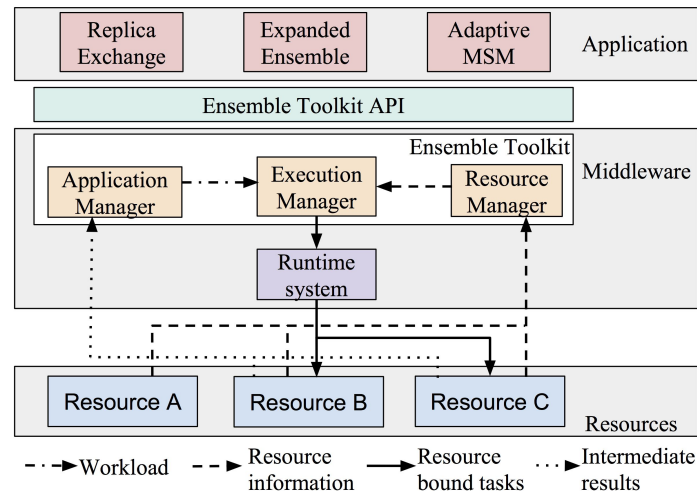
The Power of Many: Ensemble Methods

- Many **sampling problems** formulated as ensemble methods/algorithms
- Ensemble members often interact.
 - Not a “bag-of-tasks” abstraction.
 - Replica-exchange, Adaptive Markov State Models, Adaptive biasing...
- Different degrees and levels of coupling between ensembles members
- A HTC problem on HPC, but traditionally HPC optimized for single large job(s)!

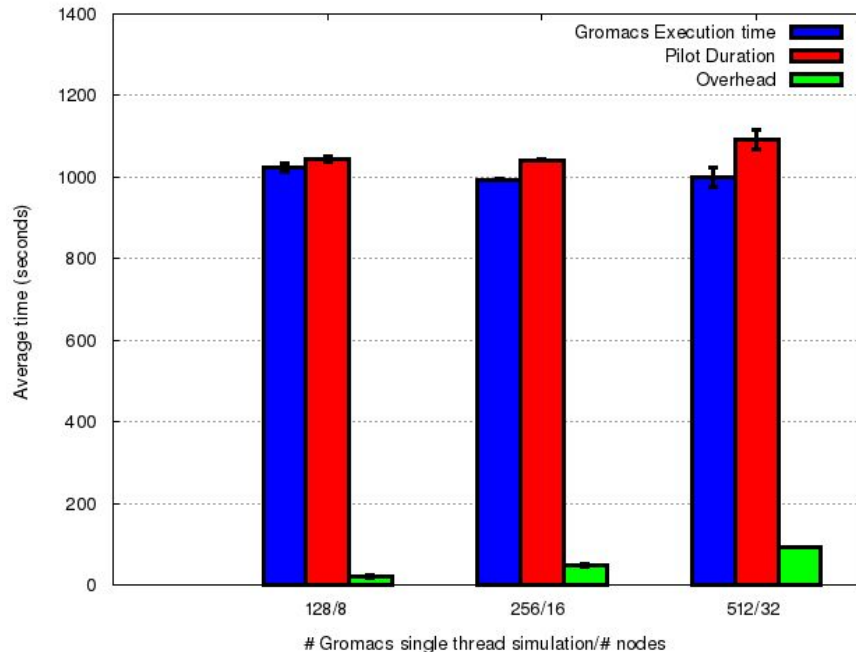
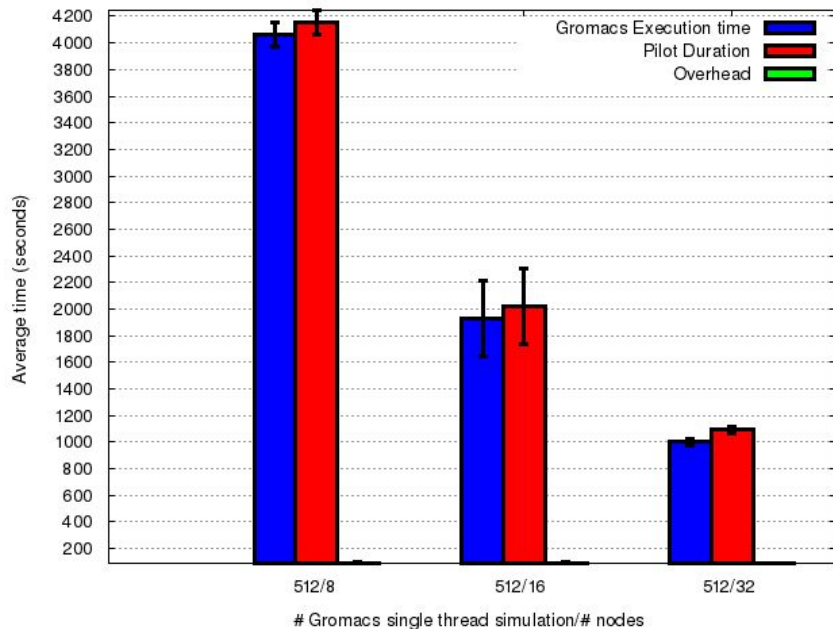


RADICAL-Cybertools: Ensemble Toolkit (EnTK)

- Ensemble-Member = task = **Execution Unit**
 - Multi-node, sub-node, MPI/non-MPI...
 - Simulation, Analysis, ..
- **AIMES Execution Model**
 - Support for heterogeneous tasks
 - Adaptive Workload: Tasks and/or relations between tasks changes, or unknown *a priori*.
- Multiple dimensions of scalability:
 - Concurrency: O(10K) tasks
 - Task size: O(1)-O(1,000) cores
 - Launch: O(100+) tasks per second
 - Task duration: O(1)-O(10,000) seconds

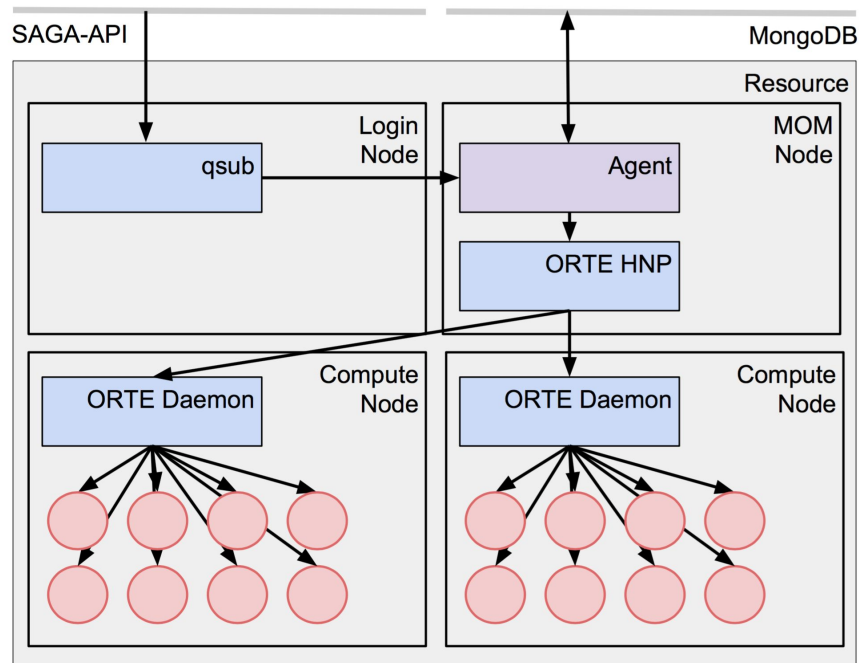
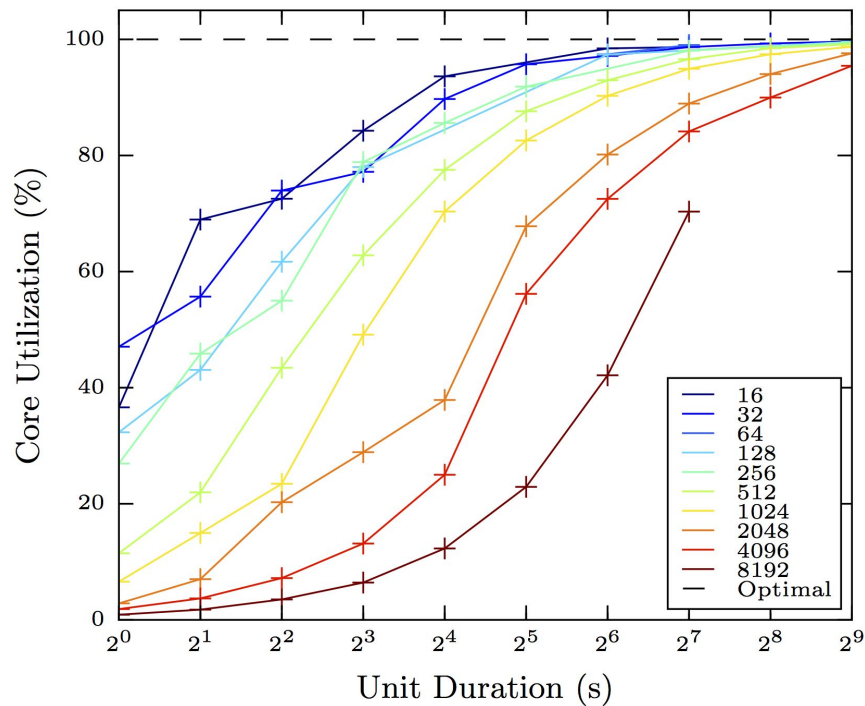


Many Gromacs on Titan: Close to linear scaling



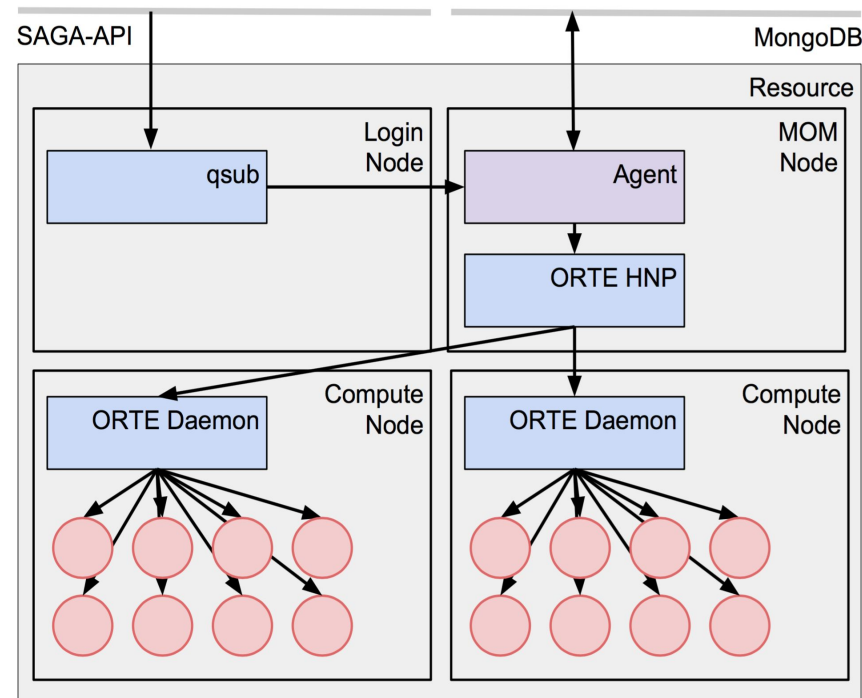
- Almost perfect scaling for O(1000)
- Ongoing work to support O(1000)-O(10,000) Gromacs currently.
- Need is for O(100,000). Challenges at multiple levels.

Experiments: ORTE-LIB



Challenges of O(100K+) Concurrent Tasks

- Information management!
- Agent communication layer (ZMQ) has limited throughput
 - bulk messages
 - separate message channels
 - code optimization
- Agent scheduler (node placement) scale well with number of cores
 - bulk operations
 - better scheduling algorithms
 - code optimization
- Collecting complete jobs is just as hard as spawning new ones



Summary:

- PanDA deployment of Titan shows the potential of D-HTC at unprecedented scale and for production workload.
- NGE enables the generalization and optimization of PanDA deployment on the basis of a unified conceptual framework.
- Traditional HTC and HPC distinctions are a by-product of specific cyberinfrastructure implementations; discussions around software is misleading!
- Demonstrate how **abstractions**, **execution models** and multi-level support unify HTC, D-HTC, HT-HPC and HPC under the same conceptual framework enabling:
 - Design and development of general-purpose middleware.
 - Management of workload and resource heterogeneity and dynamism
 - Analytical understanding of workload, middleware, and resource behavior.